

# WHEN PROPHETS SPEAK

## THE BIBLE DOCTRINE OF REVELATION AND PROPHECY

*"What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?  
Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them  
were committed the oracles of God."*

*~ Romans 3:1-2*

### 1. God Has Spoken

- a. A series on 2 Tim 3:16 - The result is the Bible; it begins with revelation.
- b. Revelation ~*def.* That which makes known, to disclose/uncover the unknown
  - i. Re: Bible – The truths God communicates to man, i.e when God speaks
  - ii. Communicating to man what otherwise man would not know. Gal 1:11-12
- c. Chafer – *"Nothing is more advantageous nor certain than that God has spoken"*
- d. God made mouths and language; does he not speak? Ps 94:9, Gen 1:3, 3:8
- e. God gave us ability to seek, commune, and know Him for a reason - Acts 17:27
- f. God spoke in divers manners, Heb 1:1 e.g. voice, angel, vision, dream, donkey
- g. God used the spectacular – Psalm 19:1-4, Exo 3:2-4, Num 22:28
- h. God did not reveal everything – Deu 29:29; Dan 2:22, 12:4, Jn 16:12, Acts 26:16
- i. God revealed progressively – Matt 5:21, 38, 43, Rom 3:21, 16:26
- j. God reveals for a purpose – 2 Tim 1:9-11, Heb 1:2, Titus 1:3, 2:11

### 2. What is a Prophet

- a. God spoke by the prophets - Heb 1:1, Isa 22:14
- b. What God does he reveals to his servants the prophets - Amos 3:7
- c. A prophet speaks what God reveals – 1 Pet 1:10-12
- d. To prophesy is to speak the words of God – 2 Peter 1:20-21, 3:2
- e. If revelation is God speaking – prophecy is men speaking what God said.
- f. Why did God speak through mediators? Sin, faith, grace, prophecy, Christ.

### 3. Types of Prophecy

- a. False prophecy abounds – 2 Pet 2:1, Mat 24:11, Jer 14:14, Deu 18:18-21
- b. Future prophecy – revealing things not yet occurred – Isa 41:22, 46:10, 1Sa 9:9
  - i. True foretelling, predicting, prescience, foresight from God (omnipotence)
- c. Past prophecy – revealing things lost to history – Genesis, MMLJ (omniscience)
- d. Present prophecy – revealing things unknown happening now (omnipresence)
  - i. e.g. the heart, mind, thoughts, events – Jn 1:47, 1Cor 14:24, Matt 12:25
- e. Divine prophecy – describing God, revealing himself – 1Sa 3:21, Mt 11:27, 16:1
- f. Types/shadows (historiographical foreshadowing) – Col 2:17, Heb 8:5, Matt 12:40
- g. Prophecy of scripture – scripture speaks/witnesses – Gal 3:8, Ro 3:21, Lk 24:44

### 4. A Book of Prophecy

- a. When prophets speak, they speak for God (else they are false)
- b. Despise not prophesyings, it is how God spoke to man through man - 1 Th 5:20
- c. The Bible is God's written revelation unto men who were prophets – Rom 3:1-2
- d. God reveals to us now through holy scripture, b/c the Bible is a book of prophecy